

BMWRSM Meeting Minutes: March 6, 2004

There were 35 members in attendance at the meeting. Of those, there were about 6 members who braved the cold damp rainy conditions and rode their bikes. I'm sure that many more of us will be on two wheels rather than four when April rolls around!

Club President James Nice conducted our meeting after we all filled our bellies with the great breakfast Cole Farms puts out for us. Here's what was discussed:

Rally Report:

The 2004 DownEast Rally, May 21-23, is sold out! John Reimann reported that we have 182 attendees signed up with 18 backups waiting in the event of any cancellations. Come May, there will be 240 very unhappy lobsters!

The Attendee List has been posted on our website. Please take a look at it for accuracy and if there are any corrections needed, contact John Reimann at: rally@bmwrsm.org.

John reminded us that if you show up before Friday May 21 to camp, you will be charged the standard rate by Hermit's Island Campground.

Jim Salisbury will be handling door prizes, so if you have any ideas, please contact Jim at vicepres@bmwrsm.org

One issue that we are still trying to finalize is how to properly identify motorcycles that are part of our group. We discussed the idea of stickers, but some members were reluctant to do that. If you have any ideas, please let John Reimann know.

Don Lockhart is still working on putting some rides together for the rally. However, Jim Salisbury has already confirmed that Dave Percival will open up his private BMW motorcycle collection for viewing during the rally. Don expects this to be a popular ride destination and is looking for volunteers who know the way to Percival's to lead some rides. It is much easier to lead smaller groups rather than have one large group attempt to stay together. If you would like to lead a ride, please contact Don Lockhart at rideboss@bmwrsm.org.

Treasurer's Report:

Although Sandy Bliss was not at the meeting, she reported to James Nice that as of February 29, 2004 the club account is at \$11,585.36, much of that consisting of rally receipts.

Membership Report:

Mike Cocks reported that we have 126 paid members to date. However, that number consists of family memberships, and he estimates that we have about 160-170 active riders in our club.

ERC Course:

Shawn Blair is working with the MSF to coordinate another Experienced RiderCourse this spring. He is still waiting to confirm the date and other specifics. As soon as he has the information it will be posted on the web.

Board Meeting:

On February 29, the members of the Board met at Mike Cock's house to discuss various club related issues. The Board Minutes have been posted on the website if you would like to see what was discussed.

Additional Items:

- Rides: Don Lockhart will be scheduling a ride meeting at some point. In the meantime, if you have an idea for an organized ride for this season, contact Don at rideboss@bmwrsm.org.
- Track Day: There are still some slots open for the track day that is being sponsored by Street Cycles at the new track in Tamworth, NH. Details can be found on the Street Cycles website: www.streetcycles.com. If you would like to sign up, contact Darren at Street's: sales@streetcycles.com.
- Blood Drive: During the summer meetings for July and August, we need to find alternate meeting locations. In 2002, we had a meeting/blood drive at the Red Cross location in Portland. Bob Collin has been in touch with the Red Cross and we will be organizing a blood drive once again this year.
- 3rd Saturday breakfasts: Just for an excuse to get together, on the 3rd Saturday of the month, we have been scheduling some informal breakfast meetings. If you would like to go, check the Events List for the time and location.
- Scott Gibson was the big winner of the 50/50 Raffle. His take was \$24.

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 3rd at Cole Farms restaurant in Gray at 9:00am.

For something fun, we would like to do a "Show and Tell" at this meeting. If you want to participate, bring in a motorcycling related item that you would like to tell the group about.

See you then,

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